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## **BANK FRAUD CHARGES FILED AGAINST ALLEGED MAIL THIEF**

PHOENIX, Ariz.-- A federal grand jury in Phoenix returned a five count indictment against Charles Joseph Wray, Jr., 31, of Phoenix, Arizona for violations of Bank Fraud, Fraud Relating to Identity Documents, Possession of Counterfeit Mail Box Keys, and Theft of Mail.

The indictment alleges that on August 17, 2006, Wray possessed a counterfeit postal key to gain access to mail boxes at a Phoenix apartment complex and shortly thereafter was apprehended in possession of mail belonging to several individuals which was stolen from various locations. Wray is also charged with having possessed without authority on an earlier date, the driver's licenses of two other people and having used those means of identifications to deposit fraudulent checks into the victims bank accounts. The indictment accuses Wray of having misrepresented himself to the bank as the account holder and then withdrawing the fraudulently deposited money, thereby causing a loss to the bank.

Wray has been detained without bond pending further hearings in Federal District Court. He will appear before a United States Magistrate Judge for an arraignment on these charges on September 20, 2006.

A conviction for Mail Fraud carries a maximum penalty of thirty years imprisonment, a one million dollar fine or both. A conviction for Possession of Counterfeit Postal Keys carries a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine or both. A conviction for Possession of Stolen Mail or Fraud Relating to Identification Documents each carries a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment, a \$250,000.00 fine or both. In determining an actual sentence, Judge Susan R. Bolton, will consult the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by Inspectors from the United States Postal Inspection Service. The prosecution is being handled by Richard I. Mesh, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Ariz.

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